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Sir/Madam:

Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed April 20, 2006, and applicant's attorney has not received an Examiner's communication from the Patent Office since that filing date. Also, in checking PAIR, there is no "First Action" information listed.

Respectfully submitted,

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